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SUBJ: ISRAELI VYZOVS AT THE DUTCH EMBASSY

1. DUTCH EMBOFF RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING ISRAELI VISAS TO SOVIET JEWS, JUST RETURNED FROM LEAVE IN HOLLAND, BRIEFED US ON A CONVERSATION WITH THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE. DUTCH EMBOFF SAYS HE ASKED ISRAELIS WHY HE NO LONGER RECEIVED ISRAELI VYZOVS THROUGH THE DUTCH POUCH. IN THE PAST, HE NOTED, HE RECEIVED 5 TO 20 EACH MONTH; IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, HOWEVER, HE HAS RECEIVED ONLY ONE. THE ISRAELI EMBASSY REPORT-EDLY REPLIED THAT IT HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DECLINE IN THE VYZOVS, BUT SAID THAT IT HAD HEARD FROM TEL AVIV THAT THE DUTCH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WAS OVERWORKED AND PREFERRED NOT TO BE INVOLVED IN THEIR RECEIPT. THE DUTCH EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT HE WAS RESPONSIBLE IN MOSCOW FOR THIS MATTER AND DID NOT FEEL OVERWORKED. ISRAELI EMBASSY THEN ASKED WHETHER OR NOT ALL VYZOVS SHOULD BE SENT THROUGH DUTCH, AND SAID IT WAS PRE-PARED TO RECOMMEND TO TEL AVIV THAT THE POLICY BE CHANGED TO PERMIT THIS. DUTCH EMBOFF REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO RECEIVE ALL VYZOVS, BUT SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD WHY SOME SOVIET JEWS MIGHT PREFER TO RECEIVE THEIR VYZOVS THROUGH THE DUTCH EMBASSY AND WAS HAPPY TO TRANSMIT THEM.

2. DUTCH EMBOFF SAYS HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE ISRAELIS HAVE STOPPED SENDING VYZOVS THROUGH DUTCH  
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EMBASSY, BUT FEELS ONE LIKELY POSSIBILITY IS AN ISRAELI

DESIRE TO FORCE THE HANDS OF SOVIET JEWS WHO ARE THINKING OF EMIGRATING BUT HAVE NOT YET DECIDED TO DO SO. RECEIPT OF A VYZOV THROUGH THE SOVIET MAIL IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE FOR THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES OF AN INTENTION TO EMIGRATE AND CAN, IN ITSELF, BE A CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL FROM EMPLOYMENT.

3. DUTCH EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT HE WAS SURPRISED AT THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE DISPLAYED CONCERNING THE PROBLEMS OF SOVIET JEWS SINCE IT IS THAT EMBASSY (RATHER THAN THE DUTCH EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM) WHICH HANDLES THIS MATTER WITH DUTCH GOVERNMENT. STOESSEL

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